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SUBJ: NARCOTICS-PROPOSED UNFDAC MISSION TO TURKEY

REF: GENEVA 4916

1. THIS EMBASSY HAS A HIGH REGARD FOR SIXTEN HEPPLING WHO IS AN EXTREMELY ABLE UNDP RESREP. WE HAD NOT KNOWN THAT HEPPLING'S SPECIALITY WAS AGRICULTURE. RATHER, WE ASSUMED HE WAS A CAREER SWEDISH FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHO HAS BEEN DETAILED TO THE UN ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

2. WE TEND TO BE SKEPTICAL ABOUT THE DEPTH OF HEPPLING'S INFORMATION ABOUT OPIUM PRODUCTION IN TURKEY. IF HE HAS MUCH INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT, HE HAS NOT UNVEILED IT BEFORE DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES.

3. ON THE LAST POINT OF REFTTEL, IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HEPPLING IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY HIS COLLEAGUES BOTH IN THE GOT AND USAID WITH WHOM
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HE HAS WORKED CLOSELY.

4. IN SUMMARY, WE SEE HEPPLING AS AN EXTREMELY COMPETENT UNDP
ADMINISTRATOR WHO ENJOYS THE GENERAL CONFIDENCE OF TURKS, BUT WE
DOUBT HE WOULD BE VIEWED AS AN EXPERT ON AGRICULTURAL MATTERS
OR ON OPIUM PRODUCTION IN PARTICULAR. MACOMBER

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